



Bobcat Awareness

in Fort Worth and Tarrant County

Safety Tips

- Scare off bobcats that do not run away immediately by making loud noises and waving your arms. Bobcats rarely attack people.
- Chase off a bobcat invading private property by spraying it with a garden hose.
- Keep domestic animals (chickens, rabbits, rodents, etc..) in secured enclosures with sturdy roofs.
- Keep pets confined to securely fenced areas. Walk dogs on a leash and keep cats indoors.
- Feed pets inside and remove uneaten pet food between feedings.
- Build sturdy fencing to discourage bobcats. But, keep in mind that they are able to climb trees and jump or climb over some fencing.
- If you observe a bobcat in the wild, stop and allow it to escape.



Description: Bobcats are highly variable in appearance ranging from reddish brown to gray with either faint or dark spots. Look for the short, black-tipped tail and tufted ears. Bobcats typically range in size from 11-20 lbs., but some large individuals, usually males, can weigh up to 35 lbs.

Habitat: Bobcats are found throughout Texas. They are highly adaptable and can be found in virtually any habitat from desert to wetlands. In urban and suburban areas, they favor wooded, brushy areas and use forested corridors for travel through their range. Bobcats usually spend the day under cover and hunt at night. They den in crevices in canyon walls, in boulder piles, or in thickets. Bobcats are experts at climbing trees and will seek refuge in them when available.

Diet: Bobcats prey upon a wide variety of small animals including rabbits, squirrels, rats and mice. Other small animals, such as birds or reptiles, and carrion may also be eaten. Small dogs, cats and domestic poultry may be at risk, especially when wild animals are scarce during periods of drought or extreme weather.

**Report sightings and questions regarding
bobcats in Fort Worth to:**

**Animal Care and Control at 817-392-3737 or
DFW Wildlife Coalition at 972-234-WILD.**

**Report ANY animal bite to Animal Care and Control at
817-392-3737.**